

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	
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Hiroshi Sumiyama et al.	)	<b>MAIL STOP AMENDMENT</b>
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Application No.: 09/955,963	)	Group Art Unit: 2625
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Filed: September 20, 2001	)	Examiner: HANG, VU B
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For: Image Forming Apparatus Incorporating	)	Confirmation No.: 1910
No Image Memory With Memory Recall	)	
Function	)	

**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Examiner Hang is thanked for the courteous interview conducted with Applicant's undersigned representative on February 9, 2011. During the course of the interview, Applicant's representative described the operation of the claimed invention, with reference to the example illustrated in Figure 10 of the application. In particular, the sequence of operations resulting from the actuation of each of the first key (K1), second key (start button) and third key (K2) was described.

Applicant's representative also discussed the fact that the Abdel-Mottaleb patent (U.S. 5,915,038) is directed to an image retrieval system, and explained the operation of that system with reference to the user interface shown in Figure 10, and described at column 13, lines 29-43. An argument was presented that the buttons 40 and 42 appearing in that user interface do not perform the same functions as the third key recited in the pending claims, and particularly do not have the same relationship to the operations resulting from actuation of first and second keys in an image forming device, as recited in the claims.

No specific agreement was reached during the course of the interview. The Examiner indicated that, as a result of the explanations and arguments that were presented, a further search of the prior art would be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

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